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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are an Election and Preliminary Amendment in response to the to the Office Action, mailed May 11, 2004, (6 pages); and a return postcard.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee for an extension of time and any other fee that may be due in connection with this and the attached papers or with this application during its entire pendency to Deposit Account No. 06-1050. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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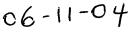
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ELECTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Requirement for Restriction, mailed May 11, 2004, applicant elects, without traverse, Group II, which includes claims 23-49, 50-56 and 60, drawn to a system for delivery of liquid samples from one or more pin tools to target locations on a substrate, for examination on the merits.

Preliminary to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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